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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

CHINESE DELEGATE SPEAKS.

Paris, January 27 (delayed). The League of Nations is being debated at the Conference. A most picturesque touch during the afternoon was afforded by the delegate for China, Lou Tseng-hsiang, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs in China, giving support to the principle of the League in a few words of perfect French. He declared that China wished to help the nations of the Western World in abolishing war.

M. Clemenceau emphasised the right of the Great Powers to take decisions as to procedure and policy before submitting them to the minor Powers. He said: "We cannot accept the suggestion that any Committee should have the right to dictate to the five Great Powers." — *Hans*.

BIG DEMANDS BY GREECE.

Paris, February 2. The Greek demands will be considered at the Conference to-morrow and will likely arouse a prolonged discussion. They include important territorial claims in the whole vilayet of Aidin and other concessions giving Greece control of the whole coast of Asia Minor from Alvali to the southern limit of the vilayet of Aidin. Greece likewise claims Dodecanese, Imros, Tenedos, Cyprus and the whole of Bulgarian and Turkish Thrace to the Black Sea, the new frontier roughly corresponding with the Chatalja line separating Greater Greece from the new International State of which Constantinople is the capital.

WILL SUBMARINE BUILDING BE PROHIBITED?

London, February 3. The correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at Paris says the British and American delegates will recommend the Peace Conference to abolish submarines.

ESTHONIAN ADVANCE.

Stockholm, February 2. An Estonian communiqué dated the 2nd states: "Our troops captured the town of Walk and advanced to the south."

THE RUSSIAN PROBLEM.

THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE IT. London, February 3. M. Tschaykovsky, the President of the Northern Russian Government, is proceeding to Paris. Interviewed in London, he said: "The League of Nations cannot be realised without Russia. The Allies must find an organic solution of the Russian problem. Measures like the Prinkip proposal are useless. The Bolsheviks must be obliged to abdicate. If they do not, the League of Nations must organise force to enforce its decrees."

MADE IN FRANCE.

Paris, January 27 (delayed). Mr. Edward Hurley, Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, spoke yesterday at a Franco-American dinner. He said France must be prepared to meet German commercial competition. He hoped France would not wait too long, allowing others to produce wares while the United States and other peoples anxiously wait to place orders for French products. The trade mark "Made in France" should be borne by French products. — *Hans*.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

FRENCH COLONIAL REPRESENTATION. London, January 26 (delayed). The French Government has promised that the interests of the Colonies will be represented at the Peace Conference similarly to the British.

LIQUID CHINESE EGGS.

WARNING TO BRITISH CONSUMERS. London, January 27 (delayed). The Chief Food Inspector points out that the use of boricised liquid eggs from China is open to very serious objection from the viewpoint of the health of the consumer. He suggests that the eggs might be shipped dried.

PARIS STRIKE ENDED.

London, January 27 (delayed). The employees of the Paris underground railway, tramway and motor omnibus companies decided to resume work this morning, placing their services at the disposal of the military authorities. — *Hans*.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES ARRIVE AT BERNE. Berne, February 2. Practically all the delegates to the International Labour Conference have arrived.

It was decided at a meeting at the Volkshaus to-night to establish three Commissions to draft reports upon the League of Nations and territorial questions and an International Labour Charter. The Commissions are expected to report next week.

It is stated that the Trade Unions which have been sitting in Paris are coming to Berne for a separate Conference, and that with a view to securing unity between the Unions and the Conference a joint session will be held.

RUSSIA IN TRAVAL.

REVOLUTION AMONG ARMY. Helsingfors, February 2. Fugitives from Petrograd report that a revolt has broken out among the soldiers of the old Russian Army at Petrograd. Machine gun fighting occurred. The artillery at Kronstadt bombarded Petrograd. Many corpses are lying in the streets.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES AT HOME.

LONDON TUBE MOTOR MEN'S DEMANDS.

London, February 3. The London tube motor men, despite the decision of the other grades to remain at work pending negotiations, decided to strike on Monday morning as a protest against the refusal to include an half-an-hour mealtime in an eight-hour day.

PARTIAL SUCCESS OF THE STRIKES.

London, February 3. While the industrial situation is still threatening, it is regarded by no means as desperate. The partial success of the efforts to spread the Clyde strike throughout the country appears mainly due to coercion and not to persuasion.

The decision of the motor men at the last moment, came as a surprise in view of the conciliatory attitude of the other grades. All tubes were expected to be held up on Monday, but the motor men of the district refused to join the strike.

The Railway Clerks' Association at a meeting at Birmingham decided to refer their grievance to the Cabinet. Owing to Sir Albert Stanley's refusal to recognise the Association as representing the station masters, the leaders meet the Cabinet to-day.

The London doctors at a meeting on Sunday decided to form a body representative of the whole profession to watch medical interests. A resolution for a registered Trades Union was rejected by two votes, amid an uproar.

CLYDESIDE WORKERS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH STRIKERS.

London, February 2. A crowded meeting of the Clydeside workers, opposed to the present strike, held in the Govan district, passed a resolution condemning wholeheartedly the undemocratic and unconstitutional methods to force them to participate in the strike, and pledging their support to the representatives of the Trades Unions and to use their influence to maintain law and order.

A big demonstration is to be held at Glasgow on the 4th to form a Patriotic Workers' League on the Clydeside with a view to taking control of the Trades Unions out of the hands of the extremists.

TO YOU, O BRITISH.

AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

Before the Armistice, the following from the *New York Globe* by Dr. Frank Crane, was being circulated in America:

To you, O British, our hats are off. You have fought a good fight; you have kept the faith.

Night and day, in storm and fog, in wind and hail and angry seas your fleet has kept faithful watch for the tiger ships of the enemy. You have kept his ironclads in their hole. They have not dared to come forth.

Undaunted you have met the menace of his sneaking submarines. You have borne uncompromisingly the wounds of his piracy.

He has shelled your unfortified towns, bombed your peaceful cities. He has gloried in dishonor and inhumanity that he might cause you fear and break spirit. But you have gone grimly on.

Your sons, highborn and commons, have leaped to the breach to keep their pledged word with Belgium.

You have met with unbroken battle line the overwhelming masses of the foe. You have built the ramparts of civilisation through the United States from all non-enemy countries have been arranged.

You have poured out your treasure like water. You have not spared your young lives.

You have not suffered France and Italy to fall unaided. You have clasped hands with them in a grip of brotherhood that only death can dissolve.

You have maintained the traditions of chivalry and honour against an enemy that practises the last villainy of barbarism.

We fought you twice. We were enemies. But after a hundred years of peace, the hate has gone from our hearts, and in the great crisis of the world we come together, brothers in arms, side by side, to do our utmost against the common enemy of mankind.

You have your mannerisms, as we have ours, our accents differ, but we see, and salute, your uncovered hearts of oak, of fine courage, of unsullied tenderness.

America is with you to the last dollar, to the last man, to the last reserve of inventive resourcefulness.

What are our little differences, our drawing room divergences, our commercial rivalries, when the common foundations of our civilisation are threatened?

So where you and France and Italy stand we stand. Our battleships line up with yours. Our boys from Kansas and Connecticut take their place in the trenches with yours from Australia and Canada.

CHINESE WOMEN AS MERCHANTS.

A NEW SPIRIT IN CHINA.

London, February 3.

Women may be quite fit to stand for election for a seat in Parliament, or they may have forensic talents, but we do not think they will, speaking generally, make a success in business.

All round we are witnessing marvellous changes. China is awakening from her Rip Wan Winklesleep, Chinese mothers are asserting their influence and, although suffragatism has not assailed the Chinese hearth, we are certainly safe in saying that we are on the threshold of an era in China when Chinese women will guide their men folk and cease to be guided.

This tendency is apparent to any observer. Chinese girls have thrown themselves whole heartedly into assimilating Western culture, they have taken to sports, and what not, and today we have to record another field which has been penetrated.

It is business.

The story of how six Chinese married ladies tried to become Wallingfords is amusing for its pathos.

They invested \$1,075 in a salt business—now, not a word to their husbands. All these creatures were living in a house in Elgin Street in separate apartments.

Knowing how easily women chum up with strangers, it is not surprising that all these heterogeneous elements were brought together. In this case, the order of the Original Sin was reversed.

It was not Eve who tempted Adam, but the wily

Adam who tempted Eve. The Adam of our drama was a Chinese

who happened to live by himself in the same building as the "ladies" and, ingratiating him

into their good books, he made

a fine proposition to them. He

did not represent himself as the alchemist, but a salt merchant.

The general rule is always to take

whatever a salt dealer tells you with a big pinch of salt.

The proposition to the women

was that if they cared to join him in his enterprise he would be too

pleased to make room for them in his heart and mind.

He said he had a junk that used to make two trips, laden with salt, and, as everybody knows, the demand for this commodity will be

phenomenal, as the Germans are

not the salt of the earth, they imagined they were.

The "ladies" gladly contributed

their "mite" for a share in this

enterprise (all this money of

theirs being the savings in the

market and bogus bills for dresses

which were paid by their husbands).

In all \$1,075 was handed over to Adam, some contributing

\$200, some 100 and lesser sums.

It was not an easy job to settle

the profit-sharing question. Here

the ladies were up against a

wall, for Adam persisted in not

paying more than 50 per cent. of

the net profits. After a lot of

bargaining and damping of cheeks,

sixty per cent. was agreed upon.

After Adam got the wealth of

his neighbours, he thought it

prudent to slowly dispose of his

belongings and pawn his valua-

bles. Knowing how prying

women are, it is not surprising

that they detected this under-

hand disposal, and they tackled

him after a few days for their

money. He ran down the street

and they ran after him, and

eventually Adam was held fast

and tight in the grasp of the law.

The fellow graced the dock this

morning in Mr. Lindsell's Court

and was given a remand till

Thursday to get over the severe

shock.

THE POULTRY MARKET.

C.S.P.'S FIRM STAND.

The poultry market nuisance

shows no signs of abatement and

with Mr. F. B. L. Bowley pegging

at it in season and out, and our

C.S.P. up in arms against the

poultry dealers, who cause obstruction in Ko Sing

and Li Sing Streets—the paradise for these creatures—we

may soon see an improvement. The C.S.P. always means business.

He is unlike the red-taped Bun-

bles, and this morning when he

was addressing Mr. Lindsell, and reciting to him the misdeeds of

our poultry dealers, he appeared like Demosthenes delivering one of his orations. His eloquence was exhilarating and he impressed us as a man who wanted to see no finger pointed at the Police.

The trouble this time was that

five poultry dealers caused a very serious obstruction by blocking the roadway with their crates. On the 26th ultimo

Sergeant Marks went down to these streets and noticing this terrible congestion—162 crates of

chickens and eight cases of paddy

piled up on the roadway—he ordered the dealers (two) to clear the pathway as it obstructed traffic.

In reality, it was impossible to transfer such a number of crates anywhere else, for there was not sufficient room. Summons were taken out against them and this morning Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe appeared to prosecute.

Mr. Shenton de-fended.

The C.S.P. said that the poultry dealers were warned, but they

permitted to take my morning exercise on my chief's Arab pony "Wee, Pet." There was at that time a price of \$50 set on my head (*inter alia*) by the Viceroy

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GOLDRING-LUCHUNG.—On the 29th January, 1919, at the Union Church, Hongkong, Philip Wallace Goldring, of Hongkong, Solicitor, to Lucie Doris, daughter of the late Rev. James Luchung and Mrs. Luchung of No. 5 Basilea, Lyttleton Road, Hongkong.

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Mr. P. T. Farrell and Miss Farrell thank their many friends for kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

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A SOCIAL REVOLUTION?

"A large number of military has been drafted into the city, and sentries with steel helmets and fixed bayonets are stationed at the principal points. . . . Thirty-four civilians and nineteen police were injured in yesterday's fighting." The above paragraph is not an account of internal strife in Russia or Germany, but one of the many startling items of news which are daily coming in from the big industrial centres at Home, and which demonstrate how very serious the situation is. Every day sees the beginning of another big strife, and if the present state of things continues, disorder and chaos will be the inevitable result. A few weeks ago we were reading graphic and stirring accounts of the Armistice celebrations at Home. The whole country was filled with joy and thankfulness. The war was finished; nothing remained but to take up the old threads of pre-war national life and build up a future which seemed full of promise and great possibilities. But the present industrial troubles have shattered all those pleasant dreams, and we are face to face with a greater danger than even the German hordes, for nothing is more to be dreaded than this ever-growing spectre of internal disorder.

We do not think for a moment that the present danger will not be overcome, but it is useless shutting our eyes to the fact that such a situation as now exists, if permitted to continue, spells ruin to the country. There can never of course be re-enacted in Britain the tragedy of Russia, but in the present crisis in the history of nations, it is vitally necessary that we concentrate all our energies in the great task that lies before us, and it is here that the danger lies. In all probability a way out of the present situation will be found in time, but the longer it lasts, the greater will be the loss to the nation, which cannot afford to lose anything at present. If it were Labour troubles pure and simple there would be nothing much to be feared. The different parties would soon come to an agreement, as they have done hundreds of times before. But there seems to be a deeper significance in the present troubles. In former strikes, the workers were acting under the orders of the Trade Union Executives, but in most cases now the strikers refuse to obey their Executives. It is more than probable, therefore, as the Government seems to think, that the present situation has arisen from the efforts of certain men unconnected with Trade Unions, who are aiming at a social revolution."

It will be agreed that the changed conditions arising from the war have made imperative some sort of social reconstruction, but there has been overwhelming proof that the only way in which this cannot be brought about is for the proletariat to take the law into its own hands. In a short time better conditions were bound to come, but if the present movement is really one towards a social revolution, it must be nipped in the bud. Look at what has happened to Russia. A revolution was to bring progress and better conditions to all, but the only thing it has given to Russia is anarchy and murder and utter misery. The most unfortunate fact of all is that, as the matter stands at present, the hands of the Government are tied. They have made proposals to the workers' Executives, but the strikers refuse to obey the instructions of their own chosen leaders. If the Government intervened, it is thought that the authority of Trade Unions, which hitherto have controlled Labour, would be undermined. It is to the Trade Unions therefore that we must look for a solution of the problem. The present question is a national one, and the issue will be awaited with almost the same expectation as that with which we waited for the end of the war."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

RE-MAKING THE WORLD.

The historic conferences which are now being held in Paris have significance beyond the mere settling of war problems. These latter will naturally prove none too easy of adjustment, but arising out of them are even bigger questions still. What is being done in Paris now is practically a re-mapping of the whole world, and age-long claims by many nations are being brought within the purview of practical politics. We find raised, for example, the question of the future ownership of territories which have not come within any of the war theatres. The general idea appears to be to secure such a readjustment of possessions as will prove most convenient to the several nations represented at the Conferences, and it appears that there is a general willingness to give up ownership in certain spheres for corresponding concessions in others. In other words, there is a re-shuffling of the cards going on. What the eventual upshot will be, it would be hard to say, but a glance at the Italian claims, as a case in point, will furnish some idea of the great changes which are possible. It will be interesting to see whether America will be affected by this movement, especially in view of reports which have occasionally gained currency that she might at some future time exchange certain overseas possessions with Britain. Whether or not advantage will be taken of the present opportunity for an Anglo-American readjustment, it is certain that by the time peace is finally signed we shall need new maps of the world.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

Owing to the New Year holidays, when, unlike their Western confreres, Chinese journalists would never think of working, there is news of the developments between North and South. However, last week there were unmistakable evidences that the much-discussed Conference would soon meet, and the probability is that the respective delegates have already made each other's acquaintance in Shanghai. The acceleration of the meeting of the delegates was in some measure due to the hint conveyed by the Associated Governments that the Conference might deliberate upon the proposed expenditures for which the release of twelve million dollars Customs surplus was required, and that if the Conference did not do so by January 25th the money would be liberated as requested in order to meet Government requirements. This had all the effect of a second *aidé memoire*. It indicated to the Administrative Council that, in the opinion of friendly disposed foreigners, the South was not making proper responses to the peace overtures of the North, and so it is that the Southern delegates have already left for Shanghai. In accordance with approved face-saving, the Government yielded to the Conference taking place in the foreign settlement of Shanghai provided that the preliminary and informal conversations should be held at Nanking. This was being done. Newspaper reports regarding the prospects of a settlement are naturally conflicting, but it is safe to assert that a settlement must be found, and the deeper this fact impresses itself on all concerned the greater reasonableness will distinguish the discussions. Admittedly, the problems awaiting solution are extremely difficult, but they are by no means beyond the wit of man. Compromises there must be, and in considerable measure, while due regard must be had to existing conditions and to *fait accompli*. One explanation offered by the South for the delay in the despatch of its delegates was that it had no money with which to pay the expenses of the delegation. Since that, it is announced that the Government will advance \$50,000 for the expenses of the Southern delegation. Could generosity be carried further?

THE GERMAN WAITER.

The Berlin Soviet has decided that in future waiters are not to accept tips, in order that the claim for fixed wages may be enforced. Tipping, it is declared, is unworthy of free German proletarians. The Soviet has further fixed the following minimum wages: Head waiter, £1.10s.; ordinary waiter, 24 10s.; and hotel servants, 23 10s.; as that with which we waited for the end of the war.

DAY BY DAY.

EVERYTHING FALLS IF LONG INDULGED IN, AND PLEASURE MOST OF ALL.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2d. 16s.

An interesting sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macausie on "The Sunless Season" is held over until to-morrow.

We hear that when Mr. E. A. Irving goes on furlough, Mr. G. N. Orme will probably act as Director of Education.

Our readers are reminded of the Skharevski-Sykora concert which takes place at the Theatre Royal to-night, when a splendid programme will be presented.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 18 amounted to 71,554 tons and the sales during the period to 51,393 tons.

The annual tennis tournament in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club is to commence on March 1st. There are six events and the entries close on the 15th instant.

During the twenty-four hours ended January 31—one non-fatal case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was notified. The returns since that date disclose no cases of communicable disease.

Hongkong was minus a Puisne Judge this morning. A case was down for hearing in the Summary Court, at ten o'clock, but Mr. Justice Gompertz's leave commenced yesterday and Mr. Melbourne had not been formally sworn in, so the case had to be settled by arbitration.

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A Mr. Morgan went to a friend and was returning home yesterday via Spring Garden Lane. While walking down this place, a Chinese came from behind and snatched her handkerchief, which contained the following stock-in-trade of hers:—1 passport, £1.10 in notes, 5 half coins, and a gold chain, the whole thing assessed at the value of \$40. He was chased and arrested, but before he was seized he threw the kerchief over a wooden fence. He made Mr. Wood's acquaintance this morning and admitted taking the kerchief which he had contained papers, but about the rest he had not the slightest notion. A six months' stay in the House that Jack Built may bring back the recollection.

And, pray, what of the rickshaws and chair coolies, the hawkers and the stallholders and the brokers and the lunatics who form a large section of our community? It is persistently reported that these denizens are determined not to be left out in the cold, and representations are now being signed for seats on the chamber. If such demands are granted, then the Council room will have to be enlarged and an instrument for the intensification of sound in order to hear all the members' speeches more easily and more readily. The people will have to be restrained, the people are the people, are punished.

AN ISLANDER'S DIARY.

BY "AJAX."

The holidays are over, and we are once again in the thick of business, some of us turning hard wheels for a bare subsistence; others, more fortunate, merrily illustrating the truth of the old axiom that money begets money.

Among the latter must be counted the shareholders of the better managed industrial concerns.

Hongkong, like many other places in China, was during the week-end in the throes of the Chinese New Year festivities. China-town freed itself from all restraint and indulged in the usual demonstrations. The Chinese threw themselves into the turmoil with all the energy they possessed, and many foreigners who had had enough of it, left the streets early and went home to a quiet atmosphere to express their joy, gaiety and thankfulness at having escaped all the rowdyism. We are glad that it is all over now and that the streets are no longer disfigured with foot-deep drifts of crackers, rubbish, etc. The firing of crackers which pierced the air is happily over. To the mind of the casual observer in Queen's Road the task of cleaning the streets must have proved a "some" job for the Sanitary Department. They must be congratulated on having effected the metamorphosis so quickly. Pedestrians on Monday expecting to find China-town wearing the dishevelled air of a city recovering from "the night before" were met by cleanliness so complete as to surprise them.

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The devil a monk was he; Such perversity would not only play the devil with one's constitution, but also drive one to the brink of despair. We are suffering for these sins of ours.

In the words of Horace: "Delicta regit, Receditur ad acta, the monachus ait, the clericus, the people, are punished."

NEW BRITISH WAR BONDS.

We are informed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received a wire from their London Office to the effect that on and after 1st February new issues of National War Bonds are being made. The Bonds are issued at par and are repayable in five and ten years at 102% and 105% respectively. These new issues do not carry the right of conversion into any past or future War Loans.

There is a pretty quarrel in the Press as to who are really ousting the Britishers from their homes—the Japanese or the Chinese. In these journalistic "dog days" when there is nothing to break the tedium and no more Constitutional Reform meetings, the "correspondence" columns of our newspapers can be the depository for much trash. The Rev. J. Kirk Macausie wrote to protest against the inroads that are being made into European residential areas, in connection with the report that Japanese interests were contemplating the purchase of the R. A. Mess premises in Bowen Road and the private hotel known as Lauriston. This elicited some heated discussion as to the rights of these amiable fellows tooust us. The contribution of "Fairplay" (no doubt Japanese) to the discussion is interesting. The acquirement of property in the Colony, we are told by him, is "to prevent the total eclipse" of the Japanese. "Besides," we are reminded, "the Germans and Austrians occupied more houses in the past than the Japanese now possess." Now, we understand. The aim of the Japanese is to possess at least as many houses as the Germans and Austrians did. Verbum sapientia sat est.

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It is high time that we protested most vehemently against the Government's policy of *laissez faire*, which has reduced foreigners, in the matter of housing accommodation, to a condition of abject chaos, destructive of the trade and industrial development of the Colony. Our cries and protests do not seem to come in for any serious notice on the part of the Government. It is time that we declined to mince matters and to be put off with tardiness. There must be a declaration of future policy involving a practical assurance that the remissness of the past will be compensated by the thorough performance in future of a most obvious duty. Something must be done to protect us foreigners from being driven to take shelter in the streets. Things in all conscience are chronic at present, but we shudder to think what they will be a year hence. The Japanese and other aliens by their peaceful penetration will drive us away from our homesteads and no other alternative will remain but to take shelter in the House of Detention. As a matter of fact, we pay a third of our salary for rent; what when the Japanese rule the roost? We may have to pay a whole month's wages for a little cottage. We trust that all this emphatic expression of opinion and unequivocal testimony of the keen discontent of the Britishers in this Colony will not be met with subtle Olympian casuistry, but be accepted in a true spirit of repentance by the authorities. If nothing can be done in the matter of providing more housing accommodation, the Government could at least reserve a good portion of the middle levels for Britishers. The Constitutional Reform Association has represented the Government to us as a great sinner. Let it not be a case of

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	142 ft. 6 in. Below	142 ft. 6 in. Below
Cumulative	1,142,110	1,142,110
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Consumption per week	70,000	70,000
Consumption per month	2,100,000	2,100,000
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

TO LIFT AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT.
It has been learned on reliable authority says the Singapore Free Press that more than 45,000 tons of wheat—representing more than 580,000 bags—will be shipped from Fremantle to ports in the Mediterranean shortly by a fleet of steamers which is now on its way to Australia. It was known last week that certain vessels had been released by the Imperial Government for the transport of foodstuffs from Australia to central and south-eastern Europe but more definite information has since reached the Commonwealth Shipping Board in regard to the transaction. This effort will be the greatest concerted endeavour made since 1915 to reduce the Australian surplus grain stocks. It is understood that none of the steamers will come further east than Fremantle to load wheat. They have been hastily diverted from other important trades. Among the vessels are freight carriers belonging to the British India Navigation Company and two former German steamers.

TRADE-MARKS IN CHINA.
In view of the large number of Japanese imitations of foreign trade-marks on the China market, it is interesting to note the complaints now made in Japan that trade-marks for Japanese exports to China are often violated in that country, and the conclusion that they cannot be effectively prevented unless there are regulations controlling trade-marks in China. The Osaka Chamber of Commerce is accordingly taking steps to memorialise the Government, asking the authorities to approach the Chinese Government with a request to promulgate a Trade-mark Law. The Osaka Chamber is supported in its proposal by similar institutions in Kyoto, Kobe, and Wakayama. It is added that many instances of Chinese violation of Japanese trade-marks on matches have come under the notice of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

From the London papers received to-day we note that the question of designation to be borne by the Commercial-Intelligence Officers appointed in foreign countries in connection with the reorganisation of the Government system of commercial intelligence has been under consideration. It is felt that the title of Commercial Attaché is not the most suitable, and that some other designation should be adopted to indicate the inauguration of a new system. It has consequently been decided that the designation of these officers should be altered as follows:—
Commercial Attaché, 1st grade, to be called Commercial Counsellor of Embassy;
Commercial Attaché, 2nd grade, to be called Commercial Secretary of Embassy (1st grade);
Commercial Attaché, 3rd grade, to be called Commercial Secretary of Embassy (2nd grade);
Commercial Attaché, 4th grade, to be called Commercial Secretary of Embassy (3rd grade).

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	3/2/4
Demand	3/2 11/16
30 days	3/2 13/16
60 days	3/2 15/16
4 months	3/3 1/16
T/T Singapore	Nom.
T/T Japan	1/4
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	7/6/4
co & New York	
T/T Java	18/4
T/T Marts	N m.
T/T France	4/17
Demand, Paris	4-7-4

BUYING.

4 mths	3/3/4
4 mths D/P	3/4/4
6 mths, L/C	3/4/4
30 days Sydney and Mebourne	3/4/4
30 days San Fran & co & New York	7/6/4
T/T Java	18/4
T/T Marts	N m.
T/T France	4/17
Demand, Paris	4-7-4

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Columbia put the spark of life into engines, auto, trucks, and tractors; they ring telephones, light lanterns, make batteries for cameras, etc.

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